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NAPLES, ITALY, *October 11, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended October 11, 1899, a bill of health was issued to the following ship: On October 7, to the steamship *California* of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 377 steerage passengers, also 47 pieces of large and 479 pieces of small baggage.

Respectfully, yours,

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[Inclosure.]

Tabular statement of steamships inspected from July 1 to October 7, 1899.

Month.	Number of cabin pas- sengers.	Number of steerage passengers	Number of pieces of baggage in- spected.	Number of vessels
July	37	3,185	Not recorded	9
August.....	116	4,432	4,711	12
September.....	176	5,532	6,332	13
October until the 7th.....	8	1,868	2,466	3

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *September 26, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report on infectious diseases in Japan for the period September 1 to September 25, 1899.

Dysentery is the only disease of quarantinable character of which statistics are given during this time. I am, however, sure that no cases of plague or genuine cholera have occurred in the country during the time covered by this return.

It is to be feared that the dysentery epidemic of this year will prove to have been the most extensive and fatal yet afflicting Japan. The government seems now fully awake to the importance of active measures, and it is to be hoped that before the summer of next year the necessary machinery will be in working order so as to be more effective than hitherto. The difficulties in the way of any sanitary control of this disease are, for many reasons partly due to the long-established customs of the common people, enormous; and nothing but most stringent, even revolutionary, methods are likely to be of much avail.

Respectfully, yours,

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Report of infectious disease in Japan from September 1 to September 25, 1899.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.		Plague.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			275	61				
Osaka Fu.....			126	20				
Tokyo Fu.....			326	101				
Aichi Ken.....			164	32				
Akita Ken.....			262	48				
Awomori Ken.....			2,690	290				
Chiba Ken.....			230	76				
Fukui Ken.....			111	53				
Fukuoka Ken.....			62	12				
Fukushima Ken.....			2,537	488				
Gifu Ken.....			253	79				
Gumma Ken.....			287	93				
Hioyo Ken.....			275	70				
Hiroshima Ken.....			179	57				
Ibaraki Ken.....			270	79				
Ishikawa Ken.....			335	100				
Iwate Ken.....			4,788	840				
Kagawa Ken.....			177	53				
Kagoshima Ken.....			316	44				
Kanagawa Ken.....			443	132				
Kochi Ken.....			207	43				
Kumamoto Ken.....			161	32				
Miyagi Ken.....			1,272	245				
Miyazaki Ken.....			154	12				
Miye Ken.....			63	22				
Nagano Ken.....			1,241	299				
Nagasaki Ken.....			79	21				
Nara Ken.....			16	5				
Nilgata Ken.....			4,856	976				
Osaka Ken.....			89	27				
Okayama Ken.....			171	65				
Okinawa Ken.....			35	5				
Saga Ken.....			32	13				
Saitama Ken.....			199	97				
Shidzuoka Ken.....			351	99				
Shiga Ken.....			61	17				
Shimane Ken.....			117	22				
Tochigi Ken.....			279	58				
Tokushima Ken.....			155	58				
Tottori Ken.....			30	24				
Toyama Ken.....			152	65				
Wakayama Ken.....			26	4				
Yamagata Ken.....			397	54				
Yamaguchi Ken.....			120	22				
Yamanashi Ken.....			548	151				
Yehime Ken.....			102	19				
The Hokkaido.....			12	5				
Taiwan (Formosa) a.....								
Total.....			24,923	5,170				

MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *October 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended October 12: Cases of yellow fever, 8; deaths from yellow fever, 3; pernicious fever, 4; remittent fever, 2; tuberculosis, 7; from all causes, 41.

For the two weeks ended October 12, 18 vessels have been inspected and the bills of health signed for United States and Cuban ports. I have issued 132 certificates to passengers leaving here for American and Cuban ports during that time.

There is considerable improvement in the yellow fever situation, and it looks as if the epidemic will soon be over. The general mortality is still high, but a norther or cold snap will soon reduce that to the normal